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**James W. Holsinger, Jr., M.D.**  
Secretary

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Provider Letter: #A-67

**RE: PRILOSEC OTC**

Dear Provider:

This letter provides important information about a revision to the Medicaid Pharmacy Program. Changes are based on recommendations from the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services. First Health Services, the Pharmacy Benefit Administrator for the Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy Program, will **enforce, effective April 15, 2005, the Proton Pump Inhibitor Preferred Drug List criteria previously published on the pharmacy web site.**

Procter & Gamble notified the Department for Medicaid Services that the market availability of OTC Prilosec has been fully restored. Individual prescribers whose patients have difficulty getting their prescription filled can contact:

**Carole Staveley**  
**P&G Account Executive**  
**5587 Richmond Park Drive**  
**Mason, OH 45040**  
**(513) 573-6039**  
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Any pharmacy providers that continue to encounter difficulty obtaining adequate inventory of OTC Prilosec, should contact the Kentucky Medicaid Pharmacy Program at 502-564-7490.

**Internet Web Site:**

Medicaid's web site at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/Pharmacy.htm> provides information about the Medicaid Pharmacy Program and related topics such as the preferred drug list (First Health Services link/ Providers/ Documents), pharmacy provider letters, Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meetings and recommendations.

**Contact Information:**

For Questions About	Contact	Phone
Previously sent drug PA requests	Prior Auth Help Desk	800-477-3071
Billing of pharmacy claims	Provider Help Desk	800-432-7005
This letter or Medicaid policies	Pharmacy Department	502-564-7490

Sincerely,



Shannon R. Turner, J.D.  
Commissioner

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